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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION,
COL. CARLOS ALFREDO GUIDO T.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ON JULY 21 THAT AIR FORCE COL. JAIME SUAREZ, HEAD OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DAC), HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AND IS TO BE REPLACED SHORTLY BY AIR FORCE COL. CARLOS ALFREDO GUDINO TORRES. COL. SUAREZ HAD BEEN IN THE POSITION SINCE 1972. THE TWO OFFICERS ARE EXCHANGING POSITIONS, WITH SUAREZ REPLACING GUDINO AS COMMANDER OF THE FIRST AIR FORCE ZONE OF QUITO. GUDINO, DURING THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER PRIOR TO HIS RECENT ASSIGNMENT ONE YEAR AGO, HAD ON OCCASION HELD LOWER-LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE DAC AND HAD ALSO SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE DOMESTIC AIRLINE TAME. FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON GUDINO.

2. BORN DECEMBER 29, 1934, IN IBARRA, ECUADOR.

3. CAREER:

SEPTEMBER 1954 - ENTERED CADET SCHOOL.

FEBRUARY 1955 - TOOK A PILOT TRAINING COURSE IN COLOMBIA.

JULY 1956 - GRADUATED FROM CADET SCHOOL, WITH COMMISSION AS
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SECOND LIEUTENANT.

MAY 1959 - PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT.

MAY 1961 - TOOK 32 WEEKS OF COMBAT TRAINING COURSES AT
LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AND AT LUKE
AIR FORCE BASE IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

AUGUST 1962 - PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN.

FEBRUARY 1963 - TOOK A SQUADRON COMMANDER'S COURSE IN BRAZIL.

JUNE 1964 - ASSIGNED TO THE 1112TH SQUADRON TAURA AIR BASE
NEAR GUAYAQUIL.

MAY 1965 - PROMOTED TO MAJOR.

1965 - ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, ECUADOREAN
AIR FORCE.

JULY 1966 - ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR TAME
(TRANSPORTES AEREOS MILITARES ECUATORIANOS).

JULY 1966 - TOOK A FIVE-WEEK SPECIALIZATION COURSE IN THE
PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

JUNE 1967 - ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT SECURITY OF DAC.

MARCH 1968 - ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DAC, QUITO.

JUNE 1969 - PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARCH 1970 - ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DAC, GUAYAQUIL.

JUNE 1971 - ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
OF ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE.

MARCH 1972 - ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF TAME.

JUNE 1973 - PROMOTED TO COLONEL.

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OCTOBER 1973 AND SEPTEMBER 1974 - VISITS TO UNITED STATES
UNDER AUSPICES OF THE GOE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

JULY 1975 - ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF THE FIRST AIR FORCE
ZONE, QUITO.

1975 - TOOK THE TRAINING COURSE OF THE PRESTIGIOUS "ALTOS
ESTUDIOS," SPONSORED BY GOE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

4. WIFE: ISABEL ROSARIO JARRIN VELASCO, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013] IN QUITO. LIVED IN TOLEDO, OHIO FROM APPROXIMATELY AGE 6 TO 20.

5. CHILDREN: MARIA ISABEL, DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN; CARLA C

ALEJANDRA, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013]; AND SANDRA LORENA, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013].

6. SPEEKS ENGLISH WELL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: EMBASSY COMMENT: COL. GUDINO IS ATTRACTIVE, PERSONABLE AND AFFABLE. WITH HIS PERIOD OF TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES AND HIS WIFE'S AMERICAN BACKGROUND, HE APPEARS TO BE WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY OFFICERS, MILITARY ATTACHES AND OUR MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE. (MOST RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE MLO HE ARRANGED TO SUPPLY A MUSICAL BAND WHICH PLAYED AT A PICNIC FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.) HIS PREDECESSOR, COL. SUAREZ, WAS ALSO GENERALLY COOPERATIVE WITH US, BUT INVARIABLY WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE; IT FREQUENTLY REQUIRED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND/OR NOTES DELIVERED BY MESSENGER BEFORE A REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WOULD BE GRANTED. IT APPEARS THAT COL. GUDINO WILL BE MUCH MORE ACCESSIBLE AS WELL AS COOPERATIVE. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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